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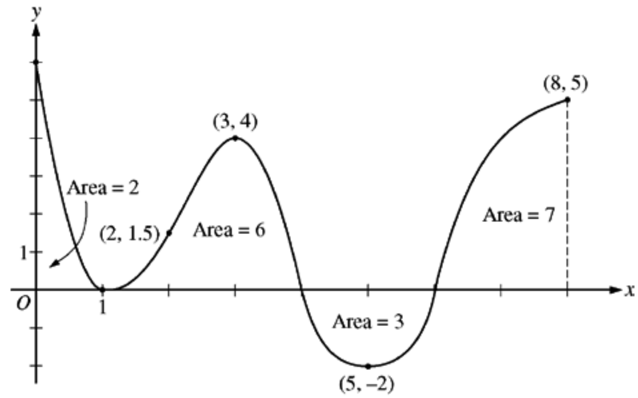
2013 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4

The figure above shows the graph of f', the derivative of a twice-differentiable function f, on the closed interval $0 \le x \le 8$. The graph of f' has horizontal tangent lines at $x = 1$, $x = 3$, and $x = 5$. The areas of the regions between the graph of f' and the x-axis are labeled in the figure. The function f is defined for all real numbers and satisfies $f(8) = 4$.



Graph of f'

(a) Find all values of x on the open interval $0 < x < 8$ for which the function f has a local minimum. Justify your answer.

(b) Determine the absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval $0 \le x \le 8$. Justify your answer.

(c) On what open intervals contained in $0 < x < 8$ is the graph of f both concave down and increasing? Explain your reasoning.

(d) The function g is defined by $g(x) = (f(x))^3$. If $f(3) = -\frac{5}{2}$, find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 3$.

(a) $x = 6$ is the only critical point at which f' changes sign from negative to positive. Therefore, f has a local minimum at $x = 6$.

1 : answer with justification

(b) From part (a), the absolute minimum occurs either at $x = 6$ or at an endpoint.

$$f(0) = f(8) + \int_8^0 f'(x)\,dx$$
$$= f(8) - \int_0^8 f'(x)\,dx = 4 - 12 = -8$$
$$f(6) = f(8) + \int_8^6 f'(x)\,dx$$
$$= f(8) - \int_6^8 f'(x)\,dx = 4 - 7 = -3$$
$$f(8) = 4$$

The absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval $[0, 8]$ is -8.

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } x = 0 \text{ and } x = 6 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

(c) The graph of f is concave down and increasing on $0 < x < 1$ and $3 < x < 4$, because f' is decreasing and positive on these intervals.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

(d) $g'(x) = 3[f(x)]^2 \cdot f'(x)$

$$g'(3) = 3[f(3)]^2 \cdot f'(3) = 3\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \cdot 4 = 75$$

$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : g'(x) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Question 5

At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function W models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that W will satisfy the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ for the next 20 years. W is measured in tons, and t is measured in years from the start of 2010.

(a) Use the line tangent to the graph of W at $t = 0$ to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time $t = \frac{1}{4}$).

(b) Find $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ in terms of W. Use $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time $t = \frac{1}{4}$.

(c) Find the particular solution $W = W(t)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ with initial condition $W(0) = 1400$.

(a) $\left.\frac{dW}{dt}\right|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{25}(W(0) - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(1400 - 300) = 44$

The tangent line is $y = 1400 + 44t$.

$W\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \approx 1400 + 44\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 1411$ tons

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{dW}{dt} \text{ at } t = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(b) $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{25}\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{625}(W - 300)$ and $W \ge 1400$

Therefore $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} > 0$ on the interval $0 \le t \le \frac{1}{4}$.

The answer in part (a) is an underestimate.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{d^2W}{dt^2} \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$

(c) $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$

$\int \frac{1}{W - 300}\, dW = \int \frac{1}{25}\, dt$

$\ln|W - 300| = \frac{1}{25}t + C$

$\ln(1400 - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(0) + C \Rightarrow \ln(1100) = C$

$W - 300 = 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}$

$W(t) = 300 + 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}, \quad 0 \le t \le 20$

$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } W \end{cases}$

Note: max $2/5$ [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: $0/5$ if no separation of variables